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TECH NEWS



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WORCESTER, MASS., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 1911

PRICE FIVE CENTS

First Call for Baseball Tech gives Generously

Manager Plaisted Predicts Fair Weather

"We have seen the last of the snow and 'spring has come,'" said Manager Plaisted. This means that the baseball season has opened. Candidates! Candidates! This is the first call. We have been closed up all winter without the fresh-air exercise, and these spring days say, "Come out," the coach says, "Come out," the Captain says, "Come out," the Manager says, "Come out," and the Institute says, "Come out." So come out and get the exercise and the benefit of some good coaching in the baseball line.

Listen here, freshmen. Did you ever play baseball? Have you played on the prep school teams where you prepared? Now is your chance to put on your uniforms and get out onto the field and show your spirit. We have had no basketball; perhaps you do not think you can "make good" on the track, but we think you have spirit to show up for baseball. There is plenty of room. Two teams will be in action throughout the season, and the man that shows the spirit and the interest in baseball will be the man that will play on these teams. Coach Sharrott was on deck Tuesday to look over the material. Get out and let him have a look at you. "Jack" is a man that knows a good thing when he sees it, and he will pick the men that play the game regardless of any former distinction. All of the candidates will start on the same level; former varsity men will not have any more chance than you. Here are some facts. Sanderson, who covered third last year, is not here now. Gaul, who played at short, left last year. So here are two positions on the team that must be filled at the first practice game. If you can pick up a grounder we want you out. We need plenty of out-fielders. If you can catch a fly we want you out. Who is in line for the back stop? No one knows. If you can play behind the bat, we want you out. Captain Nims said, "There is room for improvement in all parts of the old team." So if you can play baseball in any position we want you out.

Listen here, sophomores. Were some of you a little timid about getting out last year? You have become acquainted with the ways at Tech now and it is up to you to come out and place 1913 in the baseball field. Next year you will find more work inside to do. It is up to you to take advantage of the schedule you now have and come out for the air, the development, the training, the practice and the coaching.

Listen here, juniors. There is some good material tucked away in your class. Rout it out and send it across from the M. E. Lab every night at five o'clock. Gaul is gone, you must make up for him. When you were freshmen, your team played "some game." Where is that material now?

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LARGE SUM GIVEN TO CHINESE

Sixty-Seven Dollars is Collected

Other Institutions Contribute

In response to our appeal two weeks ago, the student body gave generously of its means, for the benefit of the two million starving Chinese men and women. Some gave little, others gave much; one man contributed five dollars; a few there were unfortunately who gave nothing, one collector and his division considering the matter somewhat of a joke. But on the whole, Tech men showed themselves to be the most optimistic lot of men that could be found anywhere. They evidently saw that the cause was a worthy one and so gave accordingly.

The banner division was that of the senior electrics. Every man gave something; the total was \$12.25, the largest total of any division. The largest individual contributor was from this division, the sum being five dollars. These results are extraordinary, and congratulations are in order for the collector, our esteemed, conscientious athletic editor. Though no athlete physically, he is mentally, and a few stunts with his pen, they tell us, did the trick. A missionary society has been in communication with this gentleman, offering him a position as collector, says a wireless message.

The junior mechanics came second with \$6.25 to their credit. The Y. M. C. A. gave a good-sized contribution. The total sum collected was sent to the General Secretary of the Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs, and by him to the Chinese Ambassador.

Other colleges have been busy subscribing sums to this cause. Those definitely known to date are:

Wisconsin,	\$470.00
University of Washington,	145.00
Washington State College,	64.25
Clark College,	43.25

The movement has been late in starting in many other institutions, but it is expected that something will be done soon. Purdue, Yale, Oberlin and Illinois are working hard for the cause.

Considered all in all, it looks as though a few thousand dollars, meaning thousands of lives, will be given by American college men.

CHEMICAL CLUB MEETS

The Worcester Chemical Club connected with the Institute turned out in large numbers, Wednesday, March 29, in the large lecture hall, to listen to Professor Jennings' talk on "Rubber." He gave the very early history, and occurrence in nature, the commercial treatment of the crude materials, showing many samples. The facts that are known at the present time regarding the constitution of this peculiar commodity were brought out, including the work of Dantzen of the class of 1910.

CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, April 12.

Tech Show rehearsal, 7 p.m., Boynton Hall.

Y. M. C. A. meeting, 7 p.m., Y. M. C. A. room.

THURSDAY, April 13.

Aero Club meeting, 5 p.m., Boynton Hall, room 19.

Glee Club rehearsal, 5 p.m., Y. M. C. A. room.

FRIDAY, April 14.

A. I. E. E. Society, 8 p.m., E. E. lecture-room. Prof. A. F. Nesbit of N. H. State College speaks on "Induction Motors."

SATURDAY, April 15.

Tech Show rehearsal, 1 p.m., Boynton Hall.

Examinations for making up conditions, 2 p.m.

MONDAY, April 17.

Glee Club rehearsal, 5 p.m., Y. M. C. A. room.

TUESDAY, April 18.

Physics Colloquium, 4.30 p.m., physics lecture-room. Professor Ewell will speak on "The Earth's Upper Atmosphere."

Orchestra rehearsal, 5 p.m., Y. M. C. A. room.

Mandolin Club rehearsal, 7 p.m., Y. M. C. A. room.

EVERY DAY.

Track team practice, 4.45 p.m., cinder track.

Baseball practice, Alumni Field.



"The Induction Motor" will be the lecture subject at the meeting of the Branch this week. Prof. Arthur F. Nesbit, who is the professor of physics at New Hampshire State College, will be the speaker.

With the advance in transmission by alternating current, the induction motor has received much attention, and although it is the simplest alternating current machine, its development and behavior are most interesting.

This lecture takes place Friday evening, April 14, at 8 o'clock, in the Electrical Engineering lecture hall. It will be illustrated. All interested are invited to attend.

ATHLETIC REMINDERS

Remember, freshmen, you cannot play on the class team unless you are a candidate for the varsity.

Coach Sharrott is hired for you. Come out and get the benefit of his experience and coaching.

Baseball at the Academy April 19th. That is not far distant. We want to "show them." That means constant practice.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

On Monday evening, May 1st, a reception is to be tendered the new Y. M. C. A. General Secretary, Mr. Clarence P. Shedd. It is to be held in the Electrical Engineering building and promises to be an enjoyable time for every man who attends. This is not for the members of the association alone, but for every member of the teaching staff and every student at the Institute.

The Y. M. C. A. promises to be a live factor in the student life at Tech this coming year, and this reception offers every man an opportunity to show his interest in the activities of the Institute. There will be music furnished by the Orchestra and Glee Club, speeches by several prominent men, and refreshments for all.

Remember the date—May 1st, and save it.

The annual presidents' conference of the student Christian association of the eastern colleges was held at Amherst College from April 6th-9th, inclusive.

Worcester Tech was represented by General Secretary Shedd, President Treadwell and Corresponding Secretary Simmons of the local association.

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The curve which plots the success of
Tech News rose abruptly as soon as the
paper started a year ago, and it has been
gradually rising ever since. It has now
reached the critical point. Is it about to
continue on its rise or fall perpendicu-
larly to zero? "No not" we say. "We
dislike to have the latter happen."

But happen it must, if the three under-
classes don't make a move toward estab-
lishing some of their men in the positions
now held by seniors. Communications
have been sent by Business Manager
Stewart to the presidents of the three
classes, with a view to having these gentle-
men use their influence in getting men
interested in the work. We hope to see
this matter taken seriously. We expect
to see each class send out a half dozen
men as candidates for positions on the
News staff. This duty the class must not
and can not shirk. The class owes it to
itself; it owes it to the Institute.

Cheering the News at Tech banquets
and similar affairs sounds well, but the
real cheerer is the man who gets behind
to push. Nor is the pushing such hard
labor. A number of men, among whom
the work is distributed, have but little
to do individually.

Consider, then, this activity as a desir-
able one. It keeps one intimately in
touch with Tech affairs, it is an opportu-
nity to rise in the estimation of one's
fellows, it is a chance to develop one's
personality, and, finally, it is a branch
of a subject too sadly neglected on the
Hill—English.

It was an admirable demonstration of
Tech spirit. The manner in which the
student body and faculty subscribed to
the Chinese Fund was a credit to the In-
stitute. It showed that Tech men had
warm hearts, ever ready to extend a help-
ing hand to a fellow sufferer, however
great the distance may be between and
despite any racial differences that may
exist.

We congratulate the men who gave.
To the faculty that gave generously,
and to the student body that nearly out-
did their elders, we extend our heartiest
thanks.

ALUMNI NOTES

Mr. C. R. Chadwick, a graduate of the
civil engineering department in the class
of 1904, has just been elected an associate
member of the American Society of Civil
Engineers. Mr. Chadwick was with the
American Bridge Company from 1904 to
1909, from 1909 to February, 1910, with
the bridge department of the New York
Central Railroad, and since February,
1910, with Milliken Brothers, New York
city, in the designing and estimating
department.

PURELY PERSONAL

The members of the junior and senior
classes who are taking the course in phys-
ical chemistry, under Professor Ewell,
were entertained by the professor and
Mrs. Ewell at their home on Park Avenue
the Thursday evening before the recess.

Professor Coombs, who has been threat-
ened with pneumonia, is said to be
getting along nicely.

The A. T. O. fraternity held a house
party at its new Chapter House, Institute
Road, during the three days preceding
the week of the recess.

The other day a lady hurried into a
store and demanded of the clerk:
"Give me a five-cent mouse trap,
quick, I want to catch a train."—Ex.

The average man proposes once,
The average woman takes him.
If he won't propose (Lord only knows
Just how 'tis done) she makes him.
—Ex.

TECH NOTES

Prof. H. B. Smith, director of the de-
partment of electrical engineering, re-
cently presented a paper before the
Ithaca Section of the American Institute
of Electrical Engineers on "Some Engi-
neering Aspects of the Electric Field of
Force."

Prof. D. L. Gallup, professor of gas
engineering, has recently completed with
the senior class in mechanical engineer-
ing a power test of the Olds gas engine
installed by the Dupaul, Young Optical
Co., Southbridge, Mass. The class was
arranged in two divisions, the run being
for one entire day. The Dupaul, Young
power plant consists of an Olds gas engine
run on producer gas, the necessary gas
producer and appliances for cooling the
gas, the engine furnishing the power and
light for the entire factory.

During the past week, a series of car-
tests was begun by the seniors in electri-
cal engineering laboratory, the tests being
made on the test-car belonging to the
electrical engineering department. These
tests are made on the lines of the
Consolidated Street Railway, the runs
of the past week being to Leicester line.

Y. M. C. A. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

At the last meeting of the Y. M. C. A.,
March 29, the new officers were installed
by State Secretary King, of the student
Y. M. C. A. Mr. King gave a very im-
pressive talk on the association and its
place among the students on the Hill. It
made his hearers feel that the cause was
worth working for and infused into the
members the importance of active work.

During the meeting two solos were
pleasingly rendered by Mr. Wiley.

After this address, President Treadwell
'12, took the chair, and began the new
year with an energy that bids fair to keep
the ball rolling, now that it is once started.
Many items of importance were brought
up and quickly disposed of.

The next meeting will be held as usual,
on Wednesday evening, April 12. All men
on the Hill are cordially invited to be
with us.

There will be no meeting of the Friday
afternoon Bible class this week.



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NEWS OF THE COLLEGES

At Illinois the athletes who have won the 'varsity letter two years in succession are awarded a blanket with the "I" upon it.

It is reported that an M. I. T. freshman ate so much honey he was attacked by hives.

Three University of Maine seniors are building a full-sized aeroplane as a graduation thesis in their course in mechanical engineering.

Dartmouth is publishing a new paper that will serve as a medium for all complaints, criticisms, and discussions. We wish it success!

The Bowdoin musical clubs are on a tour at present.

A class formed for the development of non-athletes at Harvard has grown rapidly during its year of existence.

Wesleyan, by defeating Dartmouth, claims the New England basket-ball championship.

Harvard has an Aero Club of 360 members, and an aeroplane that will fly. M. I. T. has a club of twenty members and an aeroplane with an engine almost installed. Among other colleges are Purdue, Illinois, Notre Dame, Leland Stanford, that have active and well organized clubs.

Remember the TECH SHOW

Comes Off

the 28th

NOT BEFORE!

REGINALD'S NEXT

Worcester, April 11, 1911.

Dear Father:

In dutiful obedience to your wishes, I have continued to make myself better acquainted with the various courses offered at this terrible institution, in order that I might fit myself for the great battle of life I have so often heard you and our minister discussing. In spite of the repugnance I have felt in entering some of those horribly dirty and smelly dens, I have persevered, father, in the quest of my object.

I thought I might like the electrical course, so I have been inquiring about that lately. I find that the "electrics" have to do all the dirty work of the other courses, and a lot of their own besides. They have to toil in the greasy machine-shop, sweat in the hot forge, and get their hands all soiled in the foundry dirt. Besides this, they have to take a course in quantitative and electro chemistry, and I was terribly shocked to hear the lurid description which was given me of this course.

Then they have to work in the Electric Laboratory, dragging wires around and getting their trousers all dusty, and then pore over a lot of swinging needles in boxes and watch them as if something was going to happen. Once in awhile there is a tremendous flash, which nearly gives me heart failure, and if you get your hands on some of the bare metal places, it is really shocking. Besides this, the electric course is dreadfully difficult, and you know mother always told me not to work more than six hours a day, or it would exhaust me. Only the other day I heard a senior electric asking a sophomore what course he was taking, and when he answered, "Electric," the senior remarked, "Hard luck, old man!" When I asked the meaning of this, he looked at me sadly and simply said, "Poor fellow! and so young, and innocent too!" Dear father, I am becoming discouraged in my search for the proper course, and am in need of your excellent advice and also of \$3 for some log tables. Percy and I are lucky enough to have Saturday afternoon off in both our schedules, and we are going to visit the Art Museum, as mother always wished me to cultivate an aesthetic taste.

Your dutiful son,
Reginald.

FIRST CALL FOR BASEBALL

(Continued from page 1.)

Listen here, seniors. It is your last chance to earn your letter. Next year you will find plenty to do in other lines. Remember the last of your college days by the baseball games that you played in. Soon you will have other cares. Don't you know how nice it is to relate to the fair sex about your athletics at college? This is your chance.

Half Hundred, Half Hundred, Half Hundred outward,
Onto the baseball field must ride this Half Hundred.

We call attention to the meeting of the A. I. E. E., next Friday evening. Professor Nesbit was prevented from speaking before the Branch last December because of quarantine. The members ought to give him a good reception.

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THE EVOLUTION OF TRACK RECORDS AT TECH

or

Who's Who, and Why

If we were going to write a rhapsody on who's who in track athletics, we'd begin with Harry L. Dadmun '91, and then stop and look around. Finally we'd add a lot of little stars to separate his "Who I am and Why I Came to the Institute" and begin again. For without a doubt he is the greatest track athlete that ever adorned the "Hill."

When Dadmun graduated from the Institute he held every record from the 100-yard dash to the two-mile run! Gyrate that medium of information around in your dome of thought. Incidentally here are the records of the year 1891:

Event	Time or Dist.	Holder
100 yards	10 1/2 sec.	H.L. Dadmun '91
220 yards	23 1/2 sec.	H.L. Dadmun '91
440 yards	51 sec.	H.L. Dadmun '91
880 yards	1 min. 50 1/2 sec.	H.L. Dadmun '91
1 mile	4 min. 48 sec.	H.L. Dadmun '91
2 miles	10 min. 36 sec.	H.L. Dadmun '91
120 hurdles	18 1/2 sec.	H.L. Dadmun '91
230 hurdles	28 1/2 sec.	H.L. Dadmun '91
High jump	5 ft. 2 1/2 ins.	E. H. Fish '92
Broad jump	21 ft. 2 ins.	Jewett '88
16-lb. hammer	72 ft. 6 ins.	Camp '88
16-lb. shot	31 ft. 5 1/2 ins.	Lake '90
Pole-vault	9 ft. 6 ins.	Marshall '89

Moreover, Dadmun's record in the half mile, which was made at Washington

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at the championship games, became a N. E. I. A. A. record.

The following June, while Dadmun was over in Europe competing in the Olympic games, J. M. Galligher '94 took a few seconds off the former's time for the mile, making it 4 min. 45 1/2 secs., and this record has remained to date. For the shorter distances, Dadmun's records were stayers, however, as is evidenced by the fact that they remain good to-day, twenty years after their making. And, too, they are considered fast time even now in these days of constantly boomed "world-beaters," as is shown by comparison with the times of the N. E. Intercollegiate of last year. At Brookline last May the hundred was won in 10 1/2, the 220 in 22 1/2, the 440 in 51 sec., and the half in 2 min. 1 1/2 sec. It will thus be noted that only in 220 was Dadmun's time bettered.

Athletics boomed at Tech during the early nineties, for in 1892 Tech won fourth place in the N. E. I. A. A.; then enthusiasm waned. Nevertheless, in the class games of '95 Brigham '95 put the shot 36 ft. 5 ins., and Lundgren '97 lowered the 120-high-hurdle record to 16 1/2 secs.

Again a slump in the market; then after a lapse of over ten years, in the class games of '06, Don Simonds '08 whirled the hammer 92 ft. 6 ins., and P. M. Hall '07 threw the discus 96 ft., while Ellsworth '08 topped the high timbers in 28 secs. flat. These record-breakers were evidently the forerunners of a new stimulus in track athletics, for in the spring of '08 Roland Hall '11 broke the low hurdle

record, in '09 Charles Barney '11 established a new record for the pole vault, while C. A. Pease made a new distance for the broad jump.

This brings us up to the days of the present upper classes and the real boom in all branches of athletics at Tech. In the meet with Union College in the spring of '09, Slocumb '12 clipped several seconds off Dadmun's two-mile record, which for nineteen years had withstood all other attempts to better it. Jack Power '12 also broke the hammer-record, and in every subsequent meet bettered his former records until now it stands at 121 ft.

The following year Cliff Clough '13 made decided dents in the discus and shot records, and last year at the Intercollegiate, where he won the shot-put, Clough again broke his previous records, attaining the mark of 40 ft. 11 1/2 ins.

Athletics are still on the boom. Board-track running during the winter put the runners in better trim for the spring, as is shown by the significant fact that in the last few years we have not lost a track meet. The prospects of new track records being made are brighter than ever, yet as we look over the present day records, who's still the biggest athlete Tech ever had? Harry L. Dadmun '91.

Records to date:

Event	Time or Dist.	Holder
100 yards	10 1/2 sec.	H.L. Dadmun '91
220 yards	23 1/2 sec.	H.L. Dadmun '91
440 yards	51 sec.	H.L. Dadmun '91
1 mile	4 min. 48 sec.	H.L. Dadmun '91
2 miles	10 min. 36 sec.	G. H. Slocumb '12
120 hurdles	16 1/2 sec.	O.W. Lundgren '97
230 hurdles	27 1/2 sec.	R.F. Hall '11
High jump	5 ft. 7 1/2 ins.	L.W. Stanton '03
Broad jump	21 ft. 9 ins.	C.A.G. Pease '10
Pole-vault	10 ft. 7 ins.	C.E. Barney '10
Discus	104 ft. 6 ins.	C.C. Clough '13
16-lb. shot	40 ft. 11 1/2 ins.	C.C. Clough '13
16-lb. hammer	121 ft.	J.D. Power '12

ALUMNI NOTES

Mr. H. C. Poore, a graduate of the civil engineering department of the Institute in the class of 1907, has been elected a junior member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. For some time after graduation Mr. Poore was connected in various capacities with the Massachusetts Highway Commission and he is now consulting engineer on road materials with the Barrett Manufacturing Company of Boston.

H. O. Breaker '05, with the economizer department of the B. F. Sturtevant Co., Hyde Park, gave an address before Prof. C. A. Read's senior class in steam engineering last week upon the subject of "Mechanical Draft and Economizers." This proved to be one of the most interesting talks of the term and was thoroughly appreciated by the class members.

George H. Bigelow '07, who has since his graduation been with the Manville Bros. Co., Waterbury, Conn., has recently joined the engineering forces at the American Steel & Wire Co., Worcester, Mass., as district safety inspector for the eastern district.

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